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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Secretary of Defense,
21 February 1980 (U)

1. The Secretary raised the question of the untransfer of the nuclear monitoring items from the Defense program to the NFIP. He is reluctant to go through the working out of an MOU. I told him no, that we needed some indication of our right to access to this data. He agreed to send us a note from him. I said that was all right (S/NF)

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2. We had a long talk about NIE 11-3/8 and the "net assessment" aspects of it. The Secretary is not willing to give the [] study his endorsement. There is also a similar but different PA&E study. He thinks they are both reasonable but both have assumptions that are questionable.

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Originally, he suggested we leave out our quasi-dynamic analysis and the [] dynamic analysis. I described to him what we have now done in terms of putting both of them in and comparing them. His objection to that is he doesn't want it to appear that the [] analysis has his endorsement.

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We left it that he and his people would review what we have just done in terms of laying out the three forms of making a comparison of the [] and NIE materials. He did very definitely state that in his view our quasi-dynamic analysis of the last two years is not a net assessment and he indicated that we had clearly not pretended that it was one. I believe, based on that, that we should be ready, as an alternative, just to delete everything concerning the [] analysis and leave the NIE as an update to last year's with a quasi-dynamic analysis only.

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I urgently need what I have requested from [] in terms of the reasons that our analysis and the [] analysis do not agree on the one conclusion. If we could explicate, as a result of that comparison, which assumptions led to this variance in conclusion, it might be quite illuminating. It's just the kind of reason that it's worth doing several different forms of analysis. (Advance copy of this paragraph passed to NIO/SP.) (S/NF)

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3. The Secretary raised the issue of their memo to Dr. Brzezinski on the []. He said he had received a reply from Brzezinski saying we were doing it all. I'm not sure I have seen that. I don't know whether we had a proper input to it. He believes that we [] I told him I thought we were covering []

sent word down that we needed to make a formal reply to Brown's memo. That is now somewhat overtaken here. We've got to move more rapidly whenever we get this kind of pressure from DoD or they'll be off and charging before we know what is happening. (S/NF)

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4. I discussed the deputy to Zellmer. They have withdrawn Robertson. They have an Air Force brigadier named Winn and they've ordered the Navy to come up with another nomination. I made my own suggestion and we discussed it at some length. They indicate they will look at it and come back to me. (U)

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5. I'd urgently like to get the Secretary a [] (NIO/USSR advised telephonically.) (S/NF)

6. I didn't get to [] topics did not come up. (S/NF)

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